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In the Application of Norbert Apfel et al

Ser.No.: 10/026,099

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For: CUTTING BLADE FOR A MOTOR-DRIVEN, MANUALLY GUIDED  
IMPLEMENT

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Issac N. Hamilton

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE APPLICATION OF  
01/09/2004**

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.